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SUBJECT: STATUS OF GKR CENSESAND DESERTER/DRAFT DODGER ROUND-UP

1. CONVERSATIONS WITH GKR OFFICIALS AND WARD (KHAND) CHIEFS REVEAL THAT THE PHNOM PENH CENSUS IS GOING FORWARD, ALBEIT WITH SOME HITCHES. LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS ARE BEING SOLVED, I.E. TRUCKS TO TAKE THE CENSESTAKERS TO AND FROM WORK ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN TOLD THAT THE FUNDS TO PRINT BADLY NEEDED DATA COMPILATION FORMS AND TO PAY THE CENSUS TAKERS 200 RIELS PER DAY (THEY DO NOT RECEIVE A REGULAR SALARY AS YET SINCE THE REPUBLICAN POLICE BUDGET HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED) WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE SHORTLY.

2. SOUNDINGS IN THE THREE LARGEST KHANDS REVEAL THAT THE CHIEFS THERE ARE FAIRLY WELL-ORGANIZED; THEY HAVE PUBLICIZED THE CENSUS, MOBILIZED AND BRIEFED THEIR CADRE, AND INSTITUTED CONTROL MECHANISMS AND DAILY QUOTAS. THE CENSUS TAKERS ARE SUPPOSED TO WORK FROM 0700 TO 1700 DAILY. MOST OF THE OFFICIALS AND CHIEFS BELIEVED THAT MUCH OF THE CENSUS COULD BE COMPLETED IN THE TEN DAY PERIOD BUT NOTED THAT SOME AREAS WILL REQUIRED MORE TIME, ESPECIALLY THAT PART OF THE CITY AFFECTED BY THE FEBRUARY 11 SHELLING AND SUBSEQUENT FIRES. THE PEOPLE IN THE DISASTER AREAS HAVE  
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OF COURSE LEFT FOR THE MOST PART AND HAVE TAKEN REFUGE

ELSEWHERE IN THE CITY, WHICH WILL SERVE TO COMPLICATE THE CENSUS IN THOSE AREAS AS WELL.

3. IN DISCUSSING THE REPUBLICAN POLICE CENSUS TAKERS, THE OFFICIALS DISPLAYED INITIAL CONCERN THAT DESPITE THEIR

YOUTH AND ENTHUSIASM THEY MIGHT HAVE DIFFICULTIES BECAUSE OF INEXPERIENCE, LACK OF FAMILIARITY WITH THEIR AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY AND INABILITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH OLDER, ILLITERATE CITIZENS. ANOTHER PROBLEM IS THE DIFFICULTY OF GETTING CENSUS DATA ON MILITARY FAMILIES LIVING WITHIN MILITARY GARRISONS. IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO GIVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO THE GARRISON COMMANDER WITH CENSUS TAKERS TO BE AT HIS DISPOSAL SHOULD HE WANT THEM.

4. THE DRIVE TO PICK UP DESERTERS AND DRAFT DODGERS IS STILL IN LOW GEAR. ALL THIRTY SECURITY TEAMS HAVE NOW BEEN ORGANIZED, BUT SUFFER FROM A LACK OF TRANSPORT. AS OF COB FEBRUARY 13, ONLY NINE DESERTERS AND NO DRAFT DODGERS HAD BEEN APPREHENDED.  
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